



# FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER

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Our monthly Society Meeting will be on

**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

**Venue : John & Narelle Hoffmann - Maryborough**

( Please find address in Newsletter distribution email )

**Guest Speaker : Neville Ryan ( Subject - Tillandsias )**

Plant & Nursery Sales start 10:30 am.

Plant of the Month voting commences at 10:45 am.

Monthly Meeting starts at 11:00 am.

**B.B.Q Lunch will be provided.**

*Don't forget to bring:*

*Contributions to the monthly raffle,*

*Plant(s) for the Plant of the Month Competition, and*

*your **Tillandsia** plants for Show and Tell*

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following members for June :

Janine Blaber

Tara Casey

Matt Perkins

Elaine Priston

Ron Southern

Anne Walsh, and

Lorraine Ward



## **MAY MONTHLY REPORT ...**

Firstly, a Special General Meeting proceeded or Monthly Meeting where two amendments to the Society's Bylaws were proposed and passed.

Then it was into the monthly meeting, *xSincoregelia* and *Cryptanthus* were the featured genus' for "Show, Tell and Ask" in May. Les started by introducing *Cryptanthus* is a rather funky looking plant with stiff, slightly coarse leaves. It is also known as 'Earth Star' due to its interesting shape; is terrestrial and has over 80 species. He then showed his one and only *Cryptanthus*, a cultivar named C. 'Marian Oppenheimer'. Val also brought some *Cryptanthus* specimens in to show our members.

Nigel Thomson introduced the second genus for May ... *xSincoregelia* to the group. He provided a wonderful insight into its species and cultivars with some wonderful examples shown. Sue Loughran and David Ward followed showing more species to the members. It was pleasing to see a number of members bringing along plants to show.

This month we will feature *Tillandsia* so dig into those collections and bring your plants for "Show, Tell and Ask". As Neville Ryan will be with us its a chance to get those unnamed Tills identified.

Next another video presentation - this time it featured a presentation Peter Tristram did during the pandemic. He provided a background into how he got involved in Bromeliads, took us on a tour of his nursery. Another enjoyable presentation.

After a cuppa and biscuit, the winners of the Plant of the Month Competition were announced with a good selection of plants entered. Each of the 'winning plant' owners gave a quick insight into their plant.

The afternoon closed with the raffle being drawn and many members going home with some new plants for their gardens /collections. Thanks to all members for your contribution of raffle prizes.

## **FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ...**

### **❖ MONTHLY FEATURED PLANT**

Please note that this month's featured genus is *Tillandsia*. Members bring in at least one plant to show (or ask about)... it may be one of your favourite plants, maybe it's not looking the best, or a plant you want identified. Remember, this month guest speaker is Neville Ryan, a *Tillandsia* enthusiast with many years experience from Brisbane.

If you have another genus of Bromeliad you would like show us or ask a question about, they're still welcome to be part of *Show, Tell and Ask*.

### **❖ PLANT OF THE MONTH - POPULAR VOTE**

Our variable categories this month are:

- *Neoregelia* - over 250 mm, and
- *Tillandsia* - Mounted.

### **❖ BOOK AUCTION**

As mentioned last month, our Library has a number of duplicate books either purchased or donated over a number of years. We will be offering these to members at a 'silent auction' to be organised for the July meeting. The list of books available is attached to this month's Newsletter.

### **❖ JUNE MONTHLY MEETING**

Remember, this month's (June) meeting will be the annual BBQ and Charity Raffle at John & Narelle's in Maryborough. Neville Ryan coming up to talk on his *Tillandsia*'s collection. So mark the 24<sup>th</sup> June on your calendar.

## **OUT AND ABOUT ...**

At last month's Fraser Coast Agriculture Show, a couple of our members had success with plants they entered in the Bromeliad section. The Bromeliad section consists of 12 classes.

Congratulations to Ian & Burnice Fluerty and John & Narelle Hoffmann. Results the editor knows about are:

Bromeliad :	Grand Champion :	Ian & Burnice Fluerty ( <b>Vr. 'Pink Tiger'</b> )
	Reserve Champion :	Ian & Burnice Fluerty ( <b>Vr. 'Pink Goddess'</b> )
Billergia :		John & Narelle Hoffmann ( 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Neoregelia :		John & Narelle Hoffmann ( 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Neoregelia (Mini) :		John & Narelle Hoffmann ( 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Other Broms :		John & Narelle Hoffmann ( 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Tillandsia :		John & Narelle Hoffmann ( 1 <sup>st</sup> )
Vriesea :		Ian & Burnice Fluerty ( 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> )

Also, in the Orchid Section, John & Narelle won the Grand Champion Orchid with Giles Blaber winning the Reserve Champion Orchid. Both Giles and the Hoffmanns feature throughout the placings of the 17+ classes in the Orchid section.

## **WEB LINKS FOR CHECKING CORRECT IDENTIFICATION AND SPELLING ...**

For correct identification and spelling of your hybrid or cultivar, refer to this site:

***Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR) : <http://registry.bsi.org/>***

For the latest species name changes and correct spelling, refer to this site:

***New Bromeliad Taxon List: [http : //bromeliad.nl/taxonlist](http://bromeliad.nl/taxonlist)***



**BROMELIAD SOCIETY QLD**

**Balcony and Indoor Plants**

**Pop-Up Sale**

**July 8th 9am to noon**

**Merthyr Rd Uniting Church Hall  
NEW FARM**

**A wide selection of Bromeliads  
inc. Tillandsias, plus Aroids,  
Hoyas and plants suited to  
growing indoors, in a courtyard,  
or -balcony.**

**Free admission**



## PLANT OF THE MONTH - MAY 2023



Neoregelia 'Gizmo'

### NEOREGELIA - UNDER 250MM

<b>First:</b> ←	Neoregelia 'Gizmo'	Nigel Thomson ( 10 votes )
<b>Second:</b>	Neoregelia 'Mai Golden Blaze'	Nigel Thomson ( 9 votes )
<b>Third:</b>	Neoregelia 'Hot Embers'	Sue Loughran ( 2 votes )
	Neoregelia 'Hot Embers'	Nigel Thomson ( 2 votes )



Vriesea 'Pink Goddess'

### PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA

<b>First:</b> ←	Vriesea 'Pink Goddess'	Nigel Thomson ( 12 votes )
<b>Second:</b>	Vriesea 'Lemon Surprise'	Nigel Thomson ( 8 votes )
<b>Third:</b>	Vriesea 'Maroon Dream' X 'Hawaiian Ruby'	Janine Blaber ( 3 votes )



Vriesea 'Astrid'

### FLOWERING BROMELIADS

<b>First:</b> ←	Vriesea 'Astrid'	Nigel Thomson ( 15 votes )
<b>Second:</b>	Guzmania 'Kay'	Nigel Thomson ( 5 votes )
<b>Third:</b>	—	—



Tillandsia 'Samantha'

### TILLANDSIA - MOUNTED

<b>First:</b> ←	Tillandsia 'Samantha'	Nigel Thomson ( 9 votes )
<b>Second:</b>	Tillandsia <i>cacticola</i>	Ian Fluerty ( 3 votes )
	Tillandsia 'Samantha'	Jan Hutchins ( 2 votes )
<b>Third:</b>	Tillandsia 'Glenda's Loss' [N.R.]	Ray Gough ( 2 votes )
	Tillandsia <i>fasciculata</i>	Nigel Thomson ( 2 votes )



Billbergia 'Kawana Bright Spark'



### OTHER GENERA

<b>First:</b> ←	Billbergia 'Kawana Bright Spark' [N.R.]	Val Honeywood ( 10 votes )
<b>Second:</b>	Quesnelia 'Ironclad' [N.R.]	Nigel Thomson ( 3 votes )
	Aechmea <i>purpureorosea</i>	Nigel Thomson ( 3 votes )
	Hohenbergia 'Carla'	John & Narelle Hoffmann ( 3 votes )

**June meeting** : Neoregelia is **Over 250 mm**, and  
Tillandsia is **"Mounted"**

## NEW CULTIVAR REGISTRATIONS ...

The following table is a list of new cultivars registered by any Australian growers or by an Australian collector on a growers behalf since the last FCBSI newsletter.

Photograph	Cultivar Name	Hybridist	
	Seed Parent X Pollen Parent	BCR No.	State
	<b>Neoregelia 'Fallen Trees Hot Coals'</b> Treasure Chest X Balboa	<b>Barry, Julie</b> BCR_17438	QLD
	<b>Neoregelia 'Fallen Trees Eruption'</b> Hellacious X Shocking Pink	<b>Barry, Julie</b> BCR_17439	QLD

Data and photographs courtesy of the Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR)

## BROMELIAD SUPPLIES ...

The current **FCBSI PRICE LIST** as of 01-February-2023 is published below.

If you are running short and need something, it would be appreciated if you could contact Jan or Les on 0419 799 483 or email [tintenters@bigpond.com](mailto:tintenters@bigpond.com) to let them know in advance so they can have your order ready for you at the next meeting, or to make arrangements to pick your order up from their home prior to the meeting.

Item	Unit	Price per Unit	Status / Comment
SQUAT POTS, 125mm	( 10 pk )	\$3.60	<i>In stock</i>
SQUAT POTS, 140mm	( 10 pk )	\$4.60	<i>In stock</i>
SQUAT POTS, 165mm	( 5 pk )	\$3.00	<i>In stock</i>
SQUAT POTS, 200mm	( 5 pk )	\$3.50	<i>In stock</i>
HANGERS (4 PRONG)	( 10 pk )	\$4.10	<i>In stock</i>
LABELS, LARGE, WHITE	( 25 pk )	\$2.25	<i>Low stock</i>
LABELS, SMALL, WHITE	( 25 pk )	\$2.00	<i>In stock</i>
LABELS, LARGE, YELLOW	( 25 pk )	\$1.50	<i>( For use on sale plants. )</i>
LABELS, SMALL, YELLOW	( 25 pk )	\$1.25	<i>( For use on sale plants. )</i>
LABELLING PENCILS	( each )	\$4.30	<i>In stock</i>
PAPER SLEEVES, 140mm	( 10 pk )	\$2.90	<i>In stock</i>
PAPER SLEEVES, 170mm	( 10 pk )	\$3.40	<i>In stock</i>
PAPER SLEEVES, 200mm	( 10 pk )	\$3.90	<i>In stock</i>
FERTILISER (Slow Release)	( 500gm )	\$3.45	<i>In stock</i>
FERTILISER (Foliar)	( 500gm )	\$6.80	<i>In stock</i>

**NOTE ...** Prices may vary when new stock is ordered.

**POTTING MIX ...** Sue Loughran has potting mix for sale at \$10 for a 30 litre bag, and if you ring her on 0414 757 162 you can make arrangements to get some.



## DIARY DATES FOR 2023 ...

### FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

Note:

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
<b>2023</b>		
June 24	BBQ Lunch Monthly Meeting and Charity Raffle Tillansias - Neville Ryan	Maryborough
July 22	Monthly Meeting Kiwi Broms Experience - Sue Loughran	Dundowran Hall
August 26	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
September 16*	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
October 28	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
November 25	Christmas Party	Kondari Resort

Unless notified otherwise, monthly meetings are on the **fourth** Saturday of the month.

### Events:

<b>2023</b>		
June 18	BSQ Tillandsia Day	Kedron Wavell Services Club
August 20	FCBSI Field Day / Garden Visits	Bundaberg
July 8	BSQ Balcony & Indoor Plant Sale	New Farm
September 23/24	Hervey Bay Orchid Show	Xavier College, Eli Waters
Sept 30 / Oct 1	BSQ Spring Show and Sale	Genesis College, Bray Park
Sept 30 / Oct 1	Rockhampton Bromeliad & Foliage Sale	Robert Schwarten Pavillion Rockhampton
November 4/5	FCBSI Monster Sale	tba

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